

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a current listing of claims and will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows:

1-138. (Canceled)

139. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:

a wireless communication device receiving input indicative of:

a set of part images;

positions to be occupied in an animated image for one or more part images in said set of part images; and

at least one movement parameter for at least one part image in said set of part images;

the wireless communication device creating a text message that includes an image representative code sequence, different portions of which specify:

a first set of characters indicative of the at least one part image;

a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and

a third set of characters indicative of the at least one movement parameter for the at least one part image;

wherein the text message has a character limit, and wherein the text message is usable by a device receiving the text message to display motion of the at least one part image from the initial position along a trajectory according to the first, second, and third sets of characters; and

the wireless communication device sending the text message.

140. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the third set of characters is indicative of an angular velocity.

141. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 139, wherein the text message is a short message service message, and wherein at least one of the first, second, and third sets of characters is one character long.

142. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the motion of the at least one part image includes changing direction to simulate bouncing from a boundary.

143. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the third set of characters is indicative of an angular velocity and a linear velocity.

144. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the text message further includes text elements usable by the device receiving the text message to display text, and wherein a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit.

145. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the wireless communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

146. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the wireless communication device comprises a personal digital assistant.

147. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 139, wherein the wireless communication device sending the text message includes sending the text message to at least one of a computer, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone.

148-156. (Canceled)

157. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

a wireless communication device receiving a text message that has a character limit, wherein the text message includes an image representative code sequence, different portions of which specify:

a first set of characters indicative of at least one part image;

a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and

a third set of characters indicative of at least one movement parameter corresponding to motion of the at least one part image along a trajectory; and

the wireless communication device using the image representative code sequence to display an animated image depicting the at least one part image moving along the trajectory from the initial position according to the first, second, and third sets of characters.

158. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 157, wherein the third set of characters is indicative of an angular velocity, and wherein at least one of the first, second, and third sets of characters is one character long.

159. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the text message is a short message service message, and wherein the trajectory includes a non-linear portion.

160. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the image representative code sequence includes compacted codes, and wherein the at least one part image moving along the trajectory includes the at least one part image changing direction to simulate bouncing from a boundary.

161. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, further comprising obtaining said set of part images from a server in a network.

162. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 161, wherein said network comprises a mobile telephone network.

163. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the wireless communication device is selected from the group consisting of a computer, a personal digital assistant, and a mobile telephone.

164. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the text message further includes text elements usable by the wireless communication device to display text.

165. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 164, wherein a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit.

166. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

first means for receiving input indicative of:

a set of part images;

positions to be occupied in an animated image for one or more part images in said set of part images; and

at least one movement parameter for at least one part image in said set of part images; and

second means for creating a text message conforming to a text messaging protocol that specifies a character limit, wherein the text message includes an image representative code sequence, different portions of which specify:

a first set of characters indicative of the at least one part image;

a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and

a third set of characters indicative of the at least one movement parameter for the at least one part image;

wherein the text message is usable by a telephone to display motion of the at least one part image from the initial position along a trajectory according to the first, second, and third sets of characters.

167. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, wherein the at least one movement parameter relates to angular velocity.

168. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, wherein the text messaging protocol is short message service, and wherein the second means is configured to employ compacting codes in the image representative code sequence.

169. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, wherein the motion along the trajectory includes the at least one part image changing direction of motion to simulate bouncing from an object or a boundary.

170. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, comprising a server.

171. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, wherein the text message further includes text elements usable by the telephone to display text, and wherein a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit.

172. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, comprising the telephone.

173. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, comprising a personal digital assistant.

174. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 166, further comprising:
third means for sending the text message to at least one receiving device selected from the group consisting of a computer, a personal digital assistant, and a receiving mobile telephone;
wherein the motion along the trajectory includes motion of the at least one part image along a curved path.

175-183. (Canceled)

184. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
first means for receiving a text message, wherein the text message has a character limit and includes an image representative code sequence, different portions of which specify:
a first set of characters indicative of at least one part image;
a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and
a third set of characters indicative of at least one movement parameter corresponding to motion of the at least one part image along a path; and
second means for using the image representative code sequence to display an animated image that includes the at least one part image moving along the path from the initial position according to the first, second, and third sets of characters.

185. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, wherein the third set of characters is indicative of a linear velocity and a spin axis.

186. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, wherein the text message is a short message service message, and wherein the third set of characters is indicative of a linear velocity and rotation angle.

187. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, wherein the image representative code sequence includes compacted codes.

188. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, comprising third means for obtaining said set of part images from a server in a network.

189. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 188, wherein said network comprises a mobile telephone network, and wherein the at least one part image moving along the path includes simulating bouncing of the at least one part image.

190. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, wherein the apparatus is selected from the group consisting of a computer, a personal digital assistant, and the mobile telephone.

191. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, wherein the text message further includes text elements usable by the apparatus to display text, and wherein the path includes a curved portion.

192. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 191, wherein a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit.

193. (Canceled)

194. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 184, comprising a personal digital assistant.

195. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the wireless communication device comprises a mobile telephone.

196. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 157, wherein the wireless communication device comprises a personal digital assistant.

197. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:

- an input interface configured to receive selection information indicative of an animated image;

- a processor coupled to the input interface, wherein the processor is configured to cause the device to create a text message that includes an image representative code sequence that is indicative of the selection information, wherein the image representative code sequence has different portions specifying:

 - a first set of characters indicative of at least one part image;

 - a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and

 - a third set of characters indicative of at least one movement parameter for the at least one part image;

- wherein the text message has a character limit, and wherein the text message is usable by a telephone to display motion of the at least one part image from the initial position along a trajectory according to the first, second, and third sets of characters; and a wireless transmission interface coupled to the processor, the wireless transmission interface being configured to send the text message to a receiving device[[:]].

198. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 197, wherein the selection information comprises:

- the at least one part image; and

- one or more animation properties of the animated image;

- wherein the motion of the at least one part image includes simulating the at least one part image changing direction in response to contacting an object or boundary.

199. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 197, wherein the character limit is less than or equal to 160 characters, and wherein at least one of the first, second, and third sets of character is one character long.

200. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 197,
wherein the text message further includes text elements usable by the telephone to display text;
wherein a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit; and
wherein the trajectory includes a non-linear portion.

201. (Currently Amended) A device, comprising:
a wireless reception interface configured to receive a text message that includes an image representative code sequence, wherein the text message has a character limit, and wherein the image representative code sequence includes different portions specifying:
a first set of characters indicative of at least one part image;
a second set of characters indicative of an initial position for the at least one part image; and
a third set of characters indicative of at least one movement parameter corresponding to motion of the at least one part image along a trajectory;
a processor coupled to the wireless reception interface, the processor being configured to determine the image representative code sequence from the text message; and
a display interface coupled to the processor, the display interface being configured to display an animated image depicting the at least one part image moving along the trajectory from the initial position according to the first, second, and third sets of characters[.];
wherein the device is a telephony device.

202. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 201, wherein the trajectory includes a curved portion.

203. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 201, wherein the character limit is less than or equal to 160 characters; and wherein the at least one part image moving along the trajectory changes direction of movement to simulate bouncing from an object.

204. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 201, wherein:

the text message further comprises text elements usable by the telephony device to display text; and

a possible character length of the text elements is reduced by a character length of the image representative code sequence such that an overall character length of the text message does not exceed the character limit.

205-210. (Canceled)